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Government are taking a very indifferent attitude towards this question, I request the Hon. the Speaker to allow a half-hour debate on this question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already allowed two half-hour debates and they have not yet taken place. On Monday next we will be having the half-hour debate on the sale of lorries and on Tuesday there is the half-hour debate on the question of lands for Harijans. I do not know when we can have this half-hour debate."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I do not mind if the debate is allowed even after three or four days. It is a very important question and hence I request a half-hour debate may be allowed on this."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall allow a half-hour debate on this if there is time during this sitting."

Admission to Medical Colleges.

* 238 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of candidates selected for admission to the Medical Colleges in the State during July 1954;

(*b*) the number of candidates who applied for admission;

(*c*) the number and percentage of seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes; and

(*d*) the number of candidates selected from each of the following communities :—

(i) Brahman,

(ii) Non-Brahman,

(iii) Backward Classes,

(iv) Scheduled Castes, and

(v) Scheduled Tribes?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister how many Harijan candidates were admitted in the Medical College and what is the number districtwar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Fifteen candidates applied for admission and 14 of them were admitted. With regard to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the entire State is taken as one unit."

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What is the number of seats that finally fell to the lot of Madras City from the unfilled quota transferred from the ' Scheduled Castes ' quota over and above the district basis quota? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" On the population basis, Madras City is entitled to ten seates. It was allotted 40 seats, Sir."

Police subordinates involved in Prohibition offences.

* 239 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of police officers of each grade involved in Prohibition offences during 1952–54;

(*b*) how many of them were prosecuted and how many of them were convicted;

(*c*) whether any or all of the said officers were removed from service; and

(*d*) if so, how many, and, if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

" (*d*) According to the present instructions on the subject, Government servants convicted for Prohibition offences *for the first time* are not removed from Government service automatically. This accounts for the disparity between the number convicted and the number removed."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir, from the statement it is seen that no police officer above the rank of Sub-Inspectors is found to have been involved in these offences. Are we to understand that they are not in the habit of drinking or there is no proper machinery to detect them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Anyhow, they have not been caught, Sir."

Supply of uniforms to the village menials.

* 240 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the average salary of a village police (talaiyari);

(*b*) whether he is provided with uniform; and

(*c*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Rs. 10–10–3 (excluding dearness allowance of Rs. 5).

" (*b*) No.

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 816 infra.